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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1	4,352,961	10/5/1982	KUMADA et al.	179	110 A	
	A2	5,400,414	3/21/1995	THIELE (corres. to EP 0 361 249)	381	190	
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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						YES	NO
A3	0 361 249	4/4/1990	EP (w/Abstract) (corres. to U.S. Pat. 5,400,414)			X	
A4	2 649 575	1/11/1991	France (w/Abstract)				X
A5	WO 99/37121	7/22/1999	WIPO				X
A6	WO 97/09842	3/13/1997	WIPO				X
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>							
	A7	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 010, No. 228 (E-426), 8 August 1986 & JP 61 061598 (Matsushita					
		Electric Industries Co., Ltd.), 29 March 1986.					
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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§603).

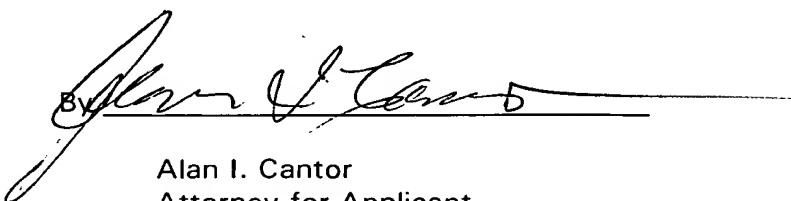
Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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